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In re: Conkling, et al.
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: *REGULATION OF QUINOLATE PHOSPHORIBOSYL TRANSFERASE EXPRESSION*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the specification:

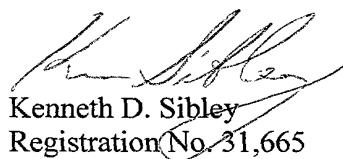
Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 following the title "Cross Reference to Related Application", please delete the current paragraph and substitute the following entire paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/021,286, filed February 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,471 filed June 12, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. --

It is submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination and allowance, which action is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,


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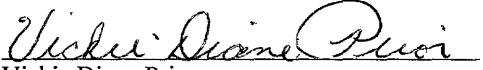
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STATEMENT IN LIEU OF FILING A
SEQUENCE LISTING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.821(e)

Sir:

A paper copy of the computer-readable form is of record in this case on pages 28-33 of the specification.

I hereby request that the sequence listing already on file in parent application Serial No. 09/021,286, be used in this case in lieu of filing a duplicate computer readable form herein. I hereby state that the copy of the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable form filed in said previous application, and that no new matter is added.

If there are any further requirements necessary to comply with the Sequence Listing rules in this case, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at your earliest convenience.

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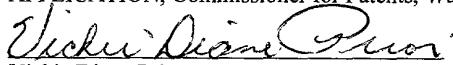
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